

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 27, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-23 are indicated to be allowable. Claims 1-23 remain pending

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-23.

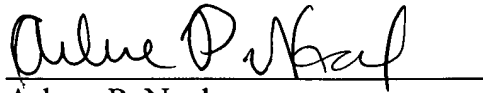
Claims 1, 11 and 16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of provisional obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2, 14 and 23 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,944. In response, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming any portion of the term of a patent issuing from the instant application that would extend beyond the term of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,944. Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection is now moot.

As such, it is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1-31 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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